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Information Regarding Valuable Operations 1953

References: OELA-2621, 26 June 1953; SGAW-2359, 20 July 1953

1. From about the 1st of June on RNPostal was in Malta completing the training of the Valuable Lucid Team (see SGAA-4365 - KAPOK 1663, 4 June 1953). During RNPostal's absence Identity (1) maintained liaison with us and presumably with the Greeks. As Valuable was expecting to infiltrate their team overland, on 22 June Identity (1) asked the Greeks about border conditions and was told that strong security measures had been taken along the border which had resulted in difficulties for a PBPrime team and had forced two Greek teams to fight their way back across the Greek border. The Lucid team was not infiltrated until 21 July.

2. [] was informed by Identity (1) the evening of 23 June that the Greeks had informed him that there was a strengthening of security in the border area of Kastoria. Brief mention was made of the PBPrime team and confirmation of knowledge that there were difficulties on the border.

3. BQFIend does not feel that there was any leak on the part of the Greeks but that they had legitimately answered a legitimate question on border conditions.

4. However, BQFIend is not satisfied with FIend/Valuable operational coordination and proposes that the whole problem be clarified at the London Meeting. As example, BQFIend was notified, by dispatch, that Lucid would be infiltrated by land rather than sea but the time and area of infiltration were not disclosed. As will be pointed out in following dispatches this lack of coordination resulted in the fact that both Willow and Lucid were exfiltrating in the same gorge at the same time, this could have proven disastrous for both teams. BQFIend strongly objects to the same area being used and shudders at the use of the same exfiltration route used.

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